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Sir:

In compliance with the Applicant's duty under 37 CFR § 1.56, the information listed on the accompanying form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98(d) and MPEP 609(I)(A)(2), copies of references listed on the form PTO-1449 and explanations of relevance of any non-English-language references that have been submitted in a parent application of this patent application are not included, because this application is a continuation-in-part under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/607,524.

This IDS is believed to be timely in that it is being submitted under 37 CFR § 1.97(b), and thus no petition or fee is required.

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